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1. During the night of 23 September a certain Leoneanu, a counsellor of the press residing at 23 Strada Stirbei Voda, Bucharest, was placed under arrest. Leoneanu had been a close associate of Petre Bejan, an official of the dissident Liberal Party of Gheorghe Tatarescu, and had recently been on excellent terms with Teohari Georgescu, Minister of the Interior.
2. In Bucharest and in the provinces secret trials of political personalities, particularly National Peasants, are taking place. Individuals so tried have been under arrest for several years. Cesar Simionescu, a lawyer and formerly the leader of the Bucharest National Peasant organization, was recently sentenced to twenty-five years at forced labor. Simionescu was arrested two years ago.
3. A group of National Peasants was recently convicted on charges of wasting funds belonging to that party and sentenced to terms at forced labor ranging from ten to twenty years. None of this group actually appeared before the court that found them guilty.
4. The State Security is presently arresting individuals on charges of carrying on religious propaganda. During the night of 23 September 1950, Miss Lidia Gavrilescu, daughter of an admiral, was arrested on the accusation that she was propagandizing in behalf of the Roman Catholic Church.

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